

Clearing tonight, fair Sunday; cold waves; fresh to brisk northwesterly winds; the cold weather will continue till Tuesday.

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WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1898.

SAID TO BE AIMED AT GENERAL MILES

The Proposed Army Investigation of Embalmed Beef.

General Egan's Refusal to Obey the Commanding General.

Men Refused at Porto Rico Because It Was Not Afterward Shipped to Montauk.

Army officers who have read the order issued yesterday by the Secretary of War for a special board of survey to inquire into the destruction of \$27,000 worth of beef shipped to Porto Rico from the Manila, regard it as aimed directly at Major General Nelson A. Miles.

The wording of the order is considered most unusual under the circumstances. The history of the shipment of the beef is most interesting. The facts are that Gen. Miles while in Porto Rico cabled the Secretary of War, August 2, requesting that no more beef be sent, as it could not be used after being carried a day's journey from the coast, and that plenty of cattle "on the hoof" could be obtained in the island.

An official copy of Gen. Miles' dispatch was received by the Secretary of War August 2. On that day the Manila was at Newport News being loaded with refrigerated beef for Gen. Miles' army in Porto Rico.

The commissary general totally disregarded Gen. Miles' dispatch and ordered the beef to be shipped to Montauk to sail for Porto Rico.

When the Manila vessel with its cargo arrived at Montauk, the nearest army camp, it was two days' journey from the port, and General Miles prohibited the unloading of the beef for his men, not only in consequence of the condition it would be in after being conveyed over the mountains on the pack mules, under the rays of the burning sun, but the officers who were appointed to inspect the meat, found it to be unfit for consumption, for many reasons.

When Gen. Egan found that he could not dispose of the cargo of the vessel at Montauk, he ordered the Manila to sail for Montauk Point, where he hoped to be able to feed the men there.

On the return trip of the vessel, she was delayed for several days by running aground on a reef, and before reaching her destination, the ammonia used in connection with the refrigeration gave out, so that the beef rapidly decomposed.

A board of inspection was appointed to investigate the condition of the meat when the vessel reached Montauk, which immediately condemned it, and caused it to be thrown overboard.

The instructions in the order appointing a board of survey are not considered by army officers to bear upon the real cause of the loss of the beef. The board is authorized "to ascertain and report if due and proper effort was made to feed this beef to the troops in Porto Rico," to ascertain and report the character and quality of the refrigerated beef," "to ascertain and report if it was good and fit meat for human consumption, and if it had been subjected to any chemical process, whatever."

It was stated at the War Department by an officer of the army that in his opinion if the board were to investigate the reason of Gen. Egan's refusal to accept the beef from Porto Rico after receiving instructions from Gen. Miles not to do so, and to ascertain why there was not sufficient ammonia aboard the vessel to keep the meat for a reasonable length of time, they would be more apt to determine who was responsible for the loss of the beef.

Statements are still being received by Gen. Miles from officers who had occasion to investigate the condition of the meat shipped to Porto Rico and Cuba by the commissary department, giving their testimony that the beef had been chemically treated before reaching them.

One of the latest statements was made by Major Richard Pyles, Chief Surgeon of the First District of Columbia Volunteers, who says that he refused to allow the men of his regiment to eat the meat furnished them, and if they were allowed to consume it he would not be responsible for their condition.

DISAPPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NEGOTIATIONS NOT IN FAVOR

A Proclamation Expressing Objections to a Hawaiian Grant to the Pacific Cable Company.

The Secretary of State has issued a proclamation expressing the disapproval of the State Department of the contract made by the Hawaiian government for exclusive privilege to land cables.

This action is in accordance with the joint resolution of Congress approved July 7, 1898, for the annexation of the island, which declared that the regulations regarding grants and contract obligations, incomplete at the time of yielding up the sovereignty, should be vested in the United States.

Secretary Hay's formal disapproval reads as follows:

Whereas in view of the provisions of said joint resolution for the determination by the Congress of the United States of all matters of municipal legislation concerning the Hawaiian Islands, and because the subject-matter and provisions of said indenture are deemed to be proper subjects for the consideration and determination of the Congress of the United States, it is deemed expedient and necessary that the Congress of the United States consider and adopt such legislation, especially in regard to grants and contractual obligations to be controlled by and rest upon the United States of America, as vested with sovereignty over said Hawaiian Islands without let or hindrance by reason of any action of the government of the Republic of Hawaii in respect to such grants and contractual obligations, and that the said indenture be null and void, and that the Hawaiian Islands be returned to the United States;

Now, therefore, I, John Hay, Secretary of State of the United States, do hereby express the disapproval of the contract stipulated in the said indenture to the end that the same shall not take effect.

SIX MINERS CAST TO DEATH

Killed by the Fall of a Shaft Car in Michigan.

Islemping, Mich., Dec. 31.—By the fall of a car in shaft K of the Lake Superior mine today six men were killed. They were Finlanders.

The bodies have not yet been recovered.

\$10,000 to James E. O'Connor.

New Haven, Dec. 31.—James E. O'Connor, a young attorney of this city, has been sued for \$10,000 damages by Edward H. Sore, of New Haven, Mass. Sore says O'Connor alienated his wife's affections. O'Connor says the action is conspiracy.

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CONGRESSMAN DINGLEY ILL WITH THE GRIP

THREATENED WITH PNEUMONIA

The Distinguished Representative From Maine Confined to His Apartments.

Nelson Dingley, Representative in Congress from Maine, is ill at his apartments at the Hotel Hamilton.

He has been stricken by grip and is threatened with pneumonia.

It is thought that his complaint will reach its crisis tonight, and no one can foretell whether the change will be for the better or the worse.

He suffers with a distressing and persistent cough, and his temperature is quite high, though it was lower at 2 o'clock this afternoon than it has been at any other time during the day.

Mr. Dingley became unwell more than a week ago, and took to his bed on Wednesday. He rapidly grew worse and his condition was serious last night. It is said at the hotel that he is better today.

Dr. Henry B. Deale is the attending physician, and he is hopeful that his distinguished patient will show a decided improvement tonight.

Mrs. Dingley is at the side of her husband.

Nelson Dingley represents the Second Congressional district of Maine, which includes the counties of Androscoggin, Franklin, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford and Sagadahoc. He was elected to the Forty-seventh Congress at a special election on September 12, 1881, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of William P. Frye to the Senate, and has served in Congress ever since.

He was re-elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress, receiving 22,400 votes against 8,424 votes for Atwood Levensaler, Democrat; 1,034 votes for Charles E. Allen, Populist; and 437 votes for Edward R. Ogier, Prohibitionist.

Mr. Dingley is chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

SIX FIREMEN SHOT ON THE STEAMER ST. PAUL

ALTERCATION BETWEEN SEAMEN

Left Behind in a London Hospital.

Their Assault Under Arrest.

The Ship Sails for New York.

Southampton, Dec. 31.—A shooting affray occurred on board the American liner steamship St. Paul this morning, in which six of the firemen received pistol wounds. The origin of the affair is not known. All of the wounded men are in the hospital on shore, but their injuries are not severe.

Thomas Cummings, a seaman of the vessel, was arrested in the police court shortly after the affray, charged with shooting six firemen of the steamship, Rickler, Walsh, Ashmore, Shute, Peardine and Hurdle.

The formal evidence taken showed that the prisoner had quarreled with the firemen and at the height of the altercation Cummings, armed with a revolver, returned he fired upon his victims without further warning. Cummings was remanded for a week to enable the public prosecutor to examine the case.

The St. Paul sails for New York this evening and the wounded men have been landed and taken to the hospital.

EXPATRIATES MANY MURDERS UNDER THE GUILLOTINE

A FRENCH SHEPHERD'S RECORD

Believed to Have Committed Forty-Eight Assassinations—Feigned Insanity on the Scaffold.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Joseph Vacher, a shepherd, who was arrested at Bellefleur, in the department of Ain, last October, charged with committing a series of so-called Jack the Ripper murders, and condemned to death mainly upon his own confession of having killed three shepherds, three young girls, and two old women, was guillotined at Bourg-en-Bresse this morning.

Despite his confession at the time of his arrest and the fact that many other murders were proved against him, he protested his innocence when led to the guillotine, and maintained feigned insanity.

When Vacher was arrested, and during the investigation of his crimes, he seemed to gloat in his murder record and related the details of the slaughter of his victims with pride and gusto.

It was pretty clearly proved that Vacher committed thirty-eight murders, within three years.

GUAM TO BE RETAKEN BY FORCE IF NEEDED

Collier Brutus Already There Holding the Island Under Her Guns

Awaiting Re-enforcements.

While naval officials consider plausible the report from Manila that the Army of the United States has ordered the Spanish fleet to the effect that the Spaniards had again seized the island of Guam and established a government under Jose Sisto, they are not at all worried over the situation.

The collier Brutus, under command of Lieutenant Coppman, left Manila on December 19, under orders from Admiral Dewey to proceed at once to Guam, and should have arrived there before Christmas Day.

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GRAND JURY INDICTS SAMUEL H. BRYAN

CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANOR

President of the Telephone Company Alleged to Have Violated Rates Fixed by Congress.

The grand jury today returned an indictment against Samuel H. Bryan, president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, charging him with a misdemeanor for violating the act of Congress of June 30, last, establishing the rate to be charged for telephone service within the limits of the District.

Mr. Bryan is charged with charging and receiving more money for the use of telephones than is prescribed by law.

Campbell P. Gibson, an employee in the Sixth Auditor's office, is indicted for forging postoffice money orders.

A NATION'S TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD STATESMAN

Impressive Services Over the Remains of Senator Morrill.

Glowing Panegyric Pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Leavitt.

President McKinley and Many Distinguished Personages Present at the Obsequies.

No more impressive scene was ever witnessed in the Senate chamber of the United States Capitol than the one which today made forever memorable the funeral services over the remains of Justin Smith Morrill, a member of the Senate since 1867, and for many years the dean of that illustrious body. Not in the history of the nation, perhaps, has a more brilliant gathering of men assembled to do honor to the memory of the dead, and there have been few statesmen whose passing away caused a more general and sincere sorrow.

Many of the men whose names are inseparably linked with that of the dead Senator in the history of the country for the past half a century were gathered around the funeral bier to mingle their grief with the tears of those more closely allied by the ties of kinship. In the throng which filled the chamber the gray hairs of those whose years of public life were spent within reach of the genial companionship and kindly influence of Mr. Morrill were conspicuous. The notable men of the present day and generation, too, were there and looked with reverence upon the illustrious dead, and of the link between the present and the past.

The President of the United States, by his presence, paid a tribute to the memory of the dead Senator which will be remembered by the members of his Cabinet, and the chamber was filled with Senators and Representatives and men distinguished in private life. Many had been his intimate friends and contemporaries; nearly all had in some way felt the influence of his kindly disposition and experienced keenly the grief which his death caused.

The chamber had been elaborately decorated with flowers, palms and vines. The casket rested on the bier in front of the desk of the Vice President. At its foot was an immense circular floral piece of red, white and pink roses and lilies of several varieties, interspersed with green and tied with wide white and purple satin ribbons. At the head were great banks of exquisite orchids and roses of all colors. The desks of the reading clerks and the Vice President were also heaped with roses.

Palms were banded in profusion in the corners and at the side of the chamber, and garlands of vine were strung along the front of the press gallery. Just over the chair of the Vice President on the edge of the press gallery, was a white dove of peace, with outstretched wings.

A semi-circular dais had been ranged in front of the desk, before the bier, those on the right for the use of the President and his Cabinet and on the left the relatives of Mr. Morrill. The first row of desks was reserved for the Congressional honorarium payers, and all the available floor space had been filled with extra chairs for the accommodation of Senators, Representatives, their families and distinguished visitors.

The only galleries reserved were those used by the diplomatic corps and the Senators. The public and other private galleries were thrown open at 10 o'clock, an hour earlier than was intended, owing to the vast crowd which blocked the corridors of the Senate wing of the Capitol, and in less than half an hour every seat was taken. By that time the services were begun every aisle and all the standing room available was occupied, and there was still a crowd in the corridors.

The casket, contrary to the usual custom, was open, and the upper part of the body was visible from every part of the chamber. The dead Senator's arms were folded across his breast; the expression of his face was placid and suggestive only of the peace of death.

Chief Justice Fuller, of the Supreme Court, and Associate Justices Brown and McKenna were among the first of the distinguished men to arrive. All three walked up to the casket and looked for some time at the body of the great statesman. Mr. McKenna, who was in the Senate when Mr. Morrill was elected, entered the chamber soon after and he was followed by former Senator Henderson of Missouri, also an old colleague of Mr. Morrill.

The chamber began to fill rapidly after 11 o'clock, and by 12 o'clock, the hour for the services, most of the seats were taken. Gen. Miles occupied a seat with several members of the House.

Speaker Reed was not present and a number of prominent members of the House of Representatives were missed.

At five minutes after 12 the Vice President took his seat and the funeral services were begun. The chamber was thrown open to the public at 1 o'clock. The Congressional pallbearers were the first of those who took part in the services to enter. They came unannounced, led by Senators Proctor and Morgan. The others were Senators Hoar, Gorman, Jones of Nevada, Jones of Arkansas, Culom, Chandler, Fairbanks, Fairbank, Walcott, Nelson and Mitchell, and Representatives Powers, Hitt, McCall, Catherings, Bankhead and Lewis of Washington.

They marched down the main aisle to the seats reserved for them. In a few minutes they were followed by President McKinley, Secretary Griggs, Secretary Jager, Secretary Griggs, Secretary Porter, Secretary Wilson and Secretary Porter. After the President and his Cabinet, the Cabinet had been seated Mr. Morrill's only surviving son, James S. Morrill, and the Senator's sister-in-law, Miss Susan, accompanied by her mother and other relatives, entered from the Marble Room.

A quartette from All Souls' Church occupied seats in the press gallery. The quartette was composed of Mrs. H. J. Clay Browning, soprano; Mrs. James F. Oyster, contralto; Frederick Knoopp, tenor; and J. Henry Kaiser, basso. After all on the floor had been seated the quartette sang Carrara Newman's beautiful hymn, "Lead Kindly Light."

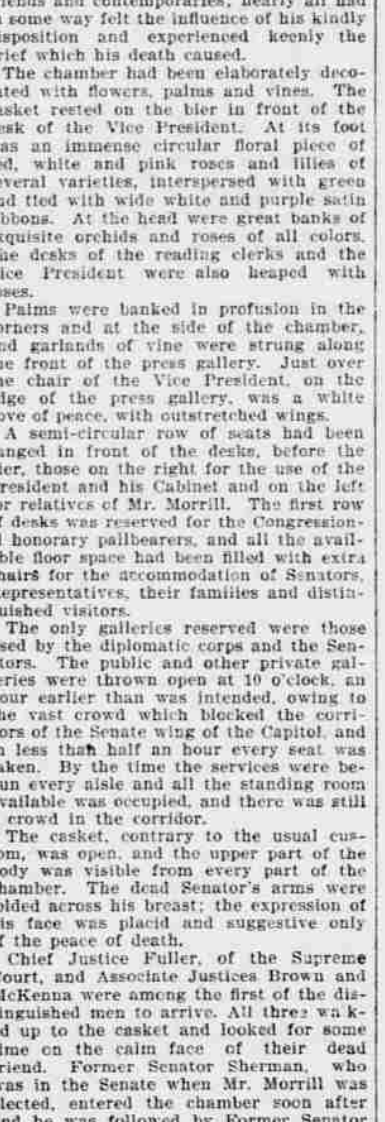
The harmoniously blended voices of the four singers rose and fell in exquisite melody. The rich, sympathetic contralto of Mrs. Oyster attracted especial attention, and the voice of the other three, were particularly sweet.

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The Rev. Dr. Leavitt will accompany the funeral party to Vermont and preach the funeral sermon there. Dr. Milburn will also accompany the party, and Dr. Couden, the blind chaplain of the House of Representatives, will occupy Dr. Leavitt's pulpit in All Souls' Church tomorrow.

Considerable attention was attracted to the fact that there was no representation of the Diplomatic Corps at the funeral, and only three members of the Supreme Court, while the Speaker of the House of Representatives was absent. This was explained, however, by the fact that the funeral was not an official ceremony, although held in the presence of the Senate, inasmuch as that body is not now in session.

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The Car Declines a Papal Nuncio

Rome, Dec. 31.—Your correspondent has been informed that Russia has refused to have a Papal nuncio at St. Petersburg.

Flight Air in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—A cold wave of great intensity swept over this region during the night, the temperature going to 20 degrees below zero. The signal service predicts a further drop.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that, beginning January 1, 1899, applicants for sixty-day monthly commutation tickets between New York and Washington will be furnished the selling agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company a photograph of himself or herself, as per manifest to be seen at selling agent's office. No tickets of the class designated will be issued between the cities named unless the applicant furnishes such a photograph. The photograph will be attached to and become a part of the ticket. As it generally takes about a week to procure copies of photographs, applicants should prepare themselves accordingly. det. 10, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

The Car Declines a Papal Nuncio

Rome, Dec. 31.—Your correspondent has been informed that Russia has refused to have a Papal nuncio at St. Petersburg.

Flight Air in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 31.—A cold wave of great intensity swept over this region during the night, the temperature going to 20 degrees below zero. The signal service predicts a further drop.